

Weekly Views

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"It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment." ~ Marcus Tullius Cicero

Friday, June 26, 2009

30 law students, law clerks, attorneys, and staff from the Attorney General's office toured the Putnamville Correctional Facility and learned about the offender programs, housing and segregation units, and industry operations.

Two Pendleton Juvenile students participated in the Ford Driving Skills for Life program at O'Reilly Raceway in Indianapolis. The juveniles participated in several driving courses simulating various dangerous driving situations.

New Castle Correctional Facility hosted a meeting, with the Culinary Arts program serving lunch, for Parole District #7 agents and supervisors and facility Unit Team staff. Director of Parole Services Kenneth Whipker also attended.

Correctional Industrial Facility held its second CIF Department Head Retreat at Mounds State Park in Anderson, IN. Groups and guest speakers shared ideas and presented on improving communications and greening the facility.

Plainfield Correctional's PLUS Unit raised \$2,205, part of which will be donated to the Hendricks Co. Humane Society.

Mike Lloyd, Director of Transition Facilities and Community-based Programs, addressed 125 United Methodist Church members about how re-entry reduces the crime rate and encouraged listeners to consider volunteering or mentoring.

Indiana State Prison's Education Department Bridge Program is completing its summer session. The program is a staff-monitored, offender-tutored program that prepares incoming freshman for college, and 70 students are enrolled.

Camp Summit had 28 students complete Napoleon Hill's Keys to Success, which is a values-based curriculum that makes the connection between positive/pro-social characteristics and success.

Friends Fellowship prison ministry group with the Calvary Temple Church in Indianapolis held a one-day religious seminar titled "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus" at the Indiana Women's Prison, and 61 offenders participated.

Pendleton Juvenile recently held its first Honors PE party to recognize students who have consistently shown a good effort. The facility also recognized students who won the PNJCF games competition with pizza, chips, and a movie.

Correctional Industrial Facility just received 59 felines from the Anderson Animal Shelter for its new 9-Lives program. A WTHR story on the program can be seen here: <http://www.wthr.com/Global/story.asp?S=10591589>.

The first Sister-to-Sister Teen Summit kicked off this week at the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility with Senator Jean Breaux as the keynote speaker. A panel including Judge Danielle Gregory, Judge Tanya Walton-Pratt, and representatives from the Indianapolis Police Department's G.R.E.A.T also spoke to students.

The *Pendleton-Lapel Times/Post* newspaper recognized the Pendleton Correctional Facility for receiving a recommendation for ACA re-accreditation. Pendleton Correctional Facility Farm Manager Mark Miller was also featured for recognition he received for outstanding performance with the production and marketing of soybeans last year.

Cinde Troutman, who works in the Indiana State Prison's Commissary Department, has accepted another year as the VFW Post 2536 Commander in Michigan City, IN and has also been named the VFW 3rd District Jr. Vice Commander.

Correctional Industrial Facility, in partnership with Ball State University, held its 5th annual graduation ceremony. 66 men received Associate's Degrees, and 43 men received Bachelor's of General Studies Degrees.

The staff at Westville Correctional Facility gathered for a panoramic photo, sponsored by the facility's Employee's Activity Planning Committee. The EPAC hosts numerous activities for the employees and the community.

Pendleton Correctional Facility held a 3-day Christian revival with many ministers and praise teams from central Indiana.

Mangofish, a young group of male Christian musicians, is currently touring Indiana, and they agreed to perform at Correctional Industrial Facility. The group will perform Christian music for the inmates and give personal testimony.

WTHR-TV reporter Anne-Marie Tiernan visited the ICAN Training Team at the Indiana Women's Prison this week.

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